

Regular Session, 2011

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

BY SENATOR WILLARD-LEWIS

CONDOLENCES. Expresses condolences upon the death of U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins, while on his third tour of duty.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To express the sincere condolences of the Legislature of Louisiana upon the death of United States Army Staff Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins.

WHEREAS, it with great sadness that the Legislature of Louisiana has learned of the death of Staff Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins, age 26, on April 2, 2011, while serving in his third tour of duty; and

WHEREAS, Quadi S. Hudgins moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, from Pensacola, Florida, after the second grade, when his father, then in the United States Army, was transferred; and

WHEREAS, he was raised by his grandfather, Charles Hudgins, and graduated from Sarah Towles Reed High School in New Orleans, Louisiana in 2003; and

WHEREAS, in June 2003, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the United States Army in service and support of this country and was trained to repair radio and communications equipment; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Hudgins was a decorated soldier as well as a boxer, taking up the sport after an uncle told him, "if you're was going to fight, you might as well do it in the ring"; and

WHEREAS, between 2004 to 2005, Quadi S. Hudgins served in Korea at Fort Camp

1 Humphreys, where he won numerous boxing awards; and

2 WHEREAS, in September 6, 2007, Quadi S. Hudgins married Ashley Hudgins in
3 Kentucky, while they were both stationed at Fort Campbell; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins, returned home to meet his three month old
5 daughter, Nyima Hudgins, who was born in March 2008 and, in July 2008, the family
6 relocated to Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, in December 2008, Quadi S. Hudgins, achieved rank of Sergeant for the
8 Combat Support Battalion platoon, Regimental Support Squadron, and 3rd Armored Cavalry
9 Regiment; and

10 WHEREAS, in September 2009, he was named boxing champion at Fort Hood with
11 the fastest knockout time in the first round and placed third in the 165-pound weight division
12 in the All-Army Boxing Tournament at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, posting 15 wins against
13 three losses; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2010, Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins won the boxing match for Ring
15 Side Boxing Championship and his goal was to win his weight division during the Army
16 trial camp and compete in the Armed Forces Championship, however he was unable to
17 participate; and

18 WHEREAS, at age 25, Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins worked hard to prepare for his
19 trial camp and All-Army boxing challenges declaring, "I do low-weight/high reps to get
20 stronger. I got my stamina up so there will be no getting tired. I have good KO power and
21 I'm ready!"; and

22 WHEREAS, in June 2010, he was assigned to the Regimental Support Battalion,
23 which provides troops with logistical support, for the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment and
24 four months later was deployed to Iraq with the mission of helping train Iraqi police and
25 military forces; and

26 WHEREAS, Quadi S. Hudgins was based at Contingency Operating Site Kalsu in
27 Iskandariya, about twenty miles south of Baghdad; and

28 WHEREAS, on Saturday, April 2, 2011, Sergeant Hudgins, along with fellow
29 warrior, Sergeant Christian Garcia of Goodyear, Arizona, died when enemy forces attacked
30 their position with indirect fire in Babil, a province between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers

1 south of Baghdad; and

2 WHEREAS, his awards and decorations include two Army Commendation Medals,
3 two Army Achievement Medals, Meritorious Unit Commendation, two Army Good Conduct
4 Medals, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign
5 Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service
6 Ribbons, Air Assault Badge, and Basic Marksman Qualification Badge; and

7 WHEREAS, he made the ultimate sacrifice in an effort to change the world we live
8 in and was posthumously promoted to Staff Sergeant; and

9 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins was an esteemed father to Nyima
10 Hudgins and wife, Ashley, and was devoted to actively assisting his family fulfill its goals.

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana, does hereby
12 extend its deepest and most profound condolences to the family of Louisiana Army Staff
13 Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins for their immeasurable loss and his great sacrifice as he faithfully
14 served his community, state, and nation, and will be forever remembered by those who knew
15 and loved him as a true American hero.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
17 family of Staff Sergeant Quadi S. Hudgins.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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